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YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1899.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Taxes to be assessed April 1, 1898 :

State tax for 1898	\$ 395 25
County tax “	720 18
Extra school money	250 00
School-house repairs	25 00
Town charges	1,200 00
Library	45 00
School money by law	465 00
Per cent added	74 72
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	\$3,175 15

Rate of taxation \$2 02 on each \$100. Of every thousand dollars of public taxes raised the apportionment of Lempster is .93 ; and for every dollar of public taxes so apportioned \$5 00 shall be raised for the support of schools.

INVOICE TAKEN APRIL 1, 1898.

Polls,	121	\$12,100 00
Horses,	225	9,174 00
Oxen,	29	1,271 00
Cows,	284	6,397 00
Neat stock,	113	1,963 00
Sheep,	116	303 00
Fowls,	75	30 00
Stock in trade		2,200 00
Money on hand at interest		4,000 00
Mills and machinery		4,580 00
Carriages		60 00
Land and buildings		115,108 00
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		\$157,186 00

Receipts.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$1,042 89
Remaining on tax bill of 1894	21 73
“ “ “ 1895	87 88
“ “ “ 1896	397 66
“ “ “ 1897	767 66
Tax assessment for 1898	3,175 15
Received of M. G. Priest, pedlar license	5 00
“ James G. Hosley estate	300 00
Cash borrowed of Elizabeth Town	18 00
“ “ Minerva Libbey	40 00
“ “ Mrs. Charles W. Boothe	100 00
“ “ Mrs. A. J. Parker	200 00
“ Literary fund	51 60
“ Savings bank tax	281 60
“ Railroad tax	23 23
“ Rent on school land	16 74
“ Dog licenses	50 40
“ Interest on tax bill 1895	3 10
“ “ “ “ 1896	11 00
“ “ “ “ 1897	8 87
“ “ “ “ 1898	2 97
	\$6,605 48

Disbursements.

Endorsement on town notes :	
Interest on Universalist Society note	\$ 26 00
Endorsement on G. W. Hurd's note	139 85
Mrs. Charles W. Boothe, note taken up	50 00
“ “ “ interest on note	1 50
	\$217 35

THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN LIBRARY.

Trustees	\$45 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

A. W. Welch, town clerk	\$ 25 00
“ school district clerk	2 50
“ “ board	25 00
Mrs. M. F. Richardson, school board	20 00
A. F. Perley “	10 00
A. L. Benway, selectman	42 00
“ overseer of poor	18 00
Bela N. Gordon, selectman	18 00
W. A. Morrison, “	13 75
Wm. E. Perry, “	25 50
Frank Moore, supervisor 1897 and '98	9 00
George F. Youngman, 1898	6 00
Herbert Hooper, 1897 and '98	9 00
E. E. Hurd, tax collector	22 00
L. B. Allen, treasurer	20 00
A. J. Mitchell, board of health	5 50
G. W. Hurd “	25
Hiram Parker and L. A. Purmort, auditors	4 00
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	\$275 50

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR.

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

D. H. Whitcomb and family :	
May term of court 1898,	
Hiram Parker, supplies	\$76 80
November term of court,	
Hiram Parker, supplies	71 97
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COUNTY CHARGES.

Henry E. Huntley and family :	
November term of court,	
Hiram Parker, supplies	\$91 07
Mrs. J. H. Huntley	15 80
Newport Clothing House	3 50
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C. H. Gile, support of Harvey Gile to Nov. term	\$16 50
Dr. F. P. Jones, medical attendance for Joseph Holt	10 45
“ “ “ “ Mattie Wilson	4 05
Mrs. Sarah Howe, care of Mattie Wilson	3 50
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	\$293 64

TOWN CHARGES.

Hiram Parker, supplies furnished Elias B. Abbott	\$2 00
Received, May 4th, of commissioners	\$ 80 30
“ November 12 “	213 34
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	\$293 64

A. L. BENWAY, Overseer of Poor.

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

School Board	\$682 67
For High School	150 00
School supplies	68 06
Committee for repairing school houses	25 00
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	\$925 73

FOR BOARDING TRAMPS.

Bela N. Gordon, for keeping tramps	\$ 75
A. L. Benway, “ “	75
Fred Barton, “ 4 “	3 00
A. R. Hood, “ 4 “	3 00
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	\$7 50

Road Agents' Report.

W. E. Perry, Road Agent 1898.

W. E. Perry	\$ 5 70
John Nichols	4 35
L. A. Purmort	4 05
F. E. Boothe	1 50
A. L. Benway	7 05
Forest Lewis	2 25

Thomas Jameson	\$ 2 42
Charles Alexander	45
W. E. Brewer	4 50
J. G. Hosley	4 65
M. Jameson	8 54
E. E. Hurd	5 52
J. F. Wheeler	15 11
George Rowe	4 35
R. H. Morgan	4 65
C. W. Sabine	1 50
J. F. Moore	1 20
C. H. Gile	4 95

 \$82 74

William Gee, Road Agent. Breaking roads spring of '98.

E. M. Herrick	\$ 3 80
Elmer Howe	10 83
Edwin Roundy	1 78
Israel Vadney	5 24
William Hodgman	9 53
H. D. Nichols	22 22
L. P. Little	16 86
J. F. Nichols	4 39
Charles Terrill	6 05
J. H. Hodgman	37 65
O. C. Huntley	18 30
Milan Noyes	5 55
Charles Terrill	2 10
Charles Kempton & Son	10 50
William Badger	11 70
Joe Champney	2 52
E. F. Tandy	1 02
A. Noyes & Son	2 10
L. D. Moody	1 05
Herman Moody	8 32
Fred Champney	6 45

J. Champney	\$ 6 60
A. K. Hodgman	2 34
C. Kempton & Son	2 16
William Gee	7 78
Albert Hooper	1 50
W. F. Bruce	52
Abraham Nichols	11 10
Austin Gee	5 25

\$225 21

Marcus Allen, Agent, spring '98.

William D. Thurber	\$ 6 11
George Thurber	7 80
H. Bingham	6 12
Frank Newton	8 85
Frank O'Brien	1 87
William N. Stevens	3 07
George Blake	1 27
F. E. Straw	2 70
A. French	2 25
H. Parker	30
G. N. Baker	8 25
F. Barton	10 50
William A. Morrison	1 50
E. Bartlett	75
M. Allen	1 20
C. H. Pitkin	10 80
L. C. Boothe	2 24
Charles M. Boothe	5 40
C. C. Carey	6 42
George Gordon	2 01
J. H. Huntley	11 85
H. S. Hooper	6 67
George Youngman	2 25
E. F. Tandy	22 46

\$133 64

William Gee, breaking roads for winter of 1898 and '99.

William Gee	\$ 4 44
J. T. Nichols	3 78
Herman Moody	1 32
Albert Noyes	1 50
F. A. Richardson	1 44
J. A. Richardson	1 44
W. T. Hodgman	7 32
Albert Hooper	1 08
C. D. Stafford	72
W. F. Bruce	75
J. T. Nichols	3 24
I. H. Hodgman	7 44
Charles Kempton & Son	10 56
Elmer Howe	4 32
O. C. Huntley	7 14
L. P. Little	13 92
George H. Straw	5 22
Austin Gee	2 04
L. D. Moody	82
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	\$78 49

F. E. Boothe, Agent, breaking roads of winter 1898 and '99.

F. E. Boothe	\$8 88
L. A. Purmort	5 64
C. W. Sabine	1 80
R. H. Morgan	4 44
W. E. Perry	6 78
G. Rowe	1 14
M. Jameson	7 52
J. F. Wheeler	3 50
A. M. French	3 24
A. L. Benway	3 84
C. Gile	5 67
E. E. Hurd	2 88
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	\$55 33

F. E. Straw, Agent, breaking roads winter of 1898 and '99.

George Baker	\$13 32
Henry Bingham	1 02
E. W. Bartlett	1 26
F. E. Straw	13 08
George Blake	60
Harvey Huntley	4 56
Albro Baker	5 64
A. J. Parker	8 04
Clarence Carey	2 52
A. J. Mitchell	97
E. Tandy	4 20
George Thurber	19 65
W. Stowell	48
"	54
E. W. Bartlett	54
F. E. Straw	7 92
George Gordon	1 02
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	\$85 36

F. E. Straw, Agent, labor on highway.

Mark Allen	\$14 21
Henry Bingham	6 84
G. H. Straw	29 76
E. Nichols	8 40
W. Nichols	7 20
H. L. Davis	13 20
C. Terrill	9 00
J. F. Wheeler, 77 feet plank	66
P. J. Ladieu, rep. scraper	62
George Blake	10 80
C. E. Allen	7 08
E. W. Bartlett	8 58
E. A. Russell	6 00
F. Newton	8 64

E. W. Bartlett	\$23 16
O. G. Eastman	10 20
G. H. Straw	9 60
C. H. Pitkin	14 22
O. G. Eastman	8 40
Fred Barton	13 92
Henry McKenzie	9 00
Hiram Thurber	7 20
George Thurber	14 04
H. S. Hooper	7 20
H. L. Thompson	5 28
B. N. Gordon and Son	4 08
C. Carey	10 26
George Youngman	3 06
William Stowell	4 14
George Blake	6 96
William Brewer	1 20
George Baker	4 80
William Gee, timber	1 00
O. G. Eastman	1 08
B. F. Davis	7 29
E. A. Russell	3 24
F. E. Straw	119 52
“ lumber for roller	1 25
E. W. Bartlett, labor	2 48
G. F. Thurber	4 80
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	\$428 37

Fred Boothe, Road Agent for 1898.

F. E. Boothe	\$58 44
L. A. Purmort, 448 feet plank	4 48
“ labor	9 12
J. F. Moore, timber for bridge	3 30
“ labor	13 56
C. W. Sabine, 1802 feet plank	18 02
“ labor	14 16

C. W. Sabine, timber	\$ 1 25
Charles Putnam, 6,230 feet plank	58 52
W. E. Perry	4 48
George Quimby	13 20
George Rowe	8 40
A. L. Benway	10 68
M. Jameson	8 70
Thomas Jameson	6 66
Frank Huntoon	6 96
J. F. Wheeler, labor and lumber	4 32
A. B. George	2 76
John O'Brien	19 80
A. N. French	5 21
Edward Nichols	2 52
W. Nichols	2 52
F. E. Straw	2 40
George Straw	4 80
C. Terrill	6 00
J. McDonald	1 56
Charles Pitkin	1 20
John Nichols	1 56
Charles Gile	4 92
A. S. Gile, labor and lumber	2 45
G. W. and E. E. Hurd	12 00
John Wheeler, for gravel	4 00

\$317 95

William Gee, Agent, for work on highway in summer of '98.

William Gee	\$43 62
“ “ team	25 32
Albert Hooper	31 23
Charles Terrill	2 40
“ “ team	3 60
“ “ gravel	3 00
L. D. Moody	9 00

A. R. Hood	\$ 3 72
E. M. Herrick	3 00
“ team	3 00
Milan Noyes	6 00
“ “	6 00
Samuel Richardson Jr.	2 76
Joseph Richardson	1 56
F. G. Pollard	4 26
Thomas Nichols	51
A. Nichols	3 69
L. P. Little	5 82
“ team	60
“ timber	1 10
I. H. Hodgman	4 20
A. K. Hodgman	2 04
A. J. Parker	2 40
“ team	2 40
Burt Chellis, 850 feet plank	8 50
A. Bean, timber	1 00
H. D. Nichols	6 24
“ team	3 12
W. P. Hodgman	3 30
Moody and Son	6 30
“ “ “ team	3 42
C. N. Krook	9 60
F. Richardson	2 40
Elmer Howe	11 16
J. T. Nichols	15 60
“ 122 feet plank	1 22
E. Tandy	10 44
N. Gee	1 08
E. R. Roundy	4 02
Kempton and Son	5 88
“ “ team	2 94
William Gee	3 66

Albert Hooper	\$ 2 04
William Gee	2 04
“ “ team	1 92
Albert Hooper	2 04
J. T. Nichols, 68 feet plank	68
A. R. Hood, lumber	50
J. H. Huntley, 18 feet plank	18
I. Vadney	2 79
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	\$283 30

DAMAGE BY DOGS TO SHEEP.

Clarence Carey	\$ 3 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Barton & Wheeler, printing report	\$ 31 00
E. C. Eastman, for books and stationery	3 60
Expense of Selectmen taking invoice	4 00
W. W. Moody, sexton, money received from the interest on Honey fund for 1898, expended as follows :	
James T. Nichols, for mowing the cemetery	6 00
For re-setting 24 grave stones	6 00
Fred L. Smith, damage on the highway to team	25 00
Repairs on road machine	9 00
W. C. Sabine, services as Moderator	6 00
Arthur W. Welch, repairing town hall for Fall election	2 50
Arthur W. Welch, repairing ballot box	1 50
H. A. Makepeace, use of water	1 50
W. T. Thissell, damage received on highway	50 00
W. W. Moody, labor in cemetery	5 00
C. W. Sabine, election inspector	2 00
Alberto Little, dog police	3 00
W. F. Bruce, use of water tub	2 00
State tax for 1898	395 25
County tax “	720 18
Repairing and painting hearse	39 25

Selectmen's time and expense with State Board of Equalization	\$ 6 75
W. W. Moody, election inspector	2 00
" work in cemetery	2 00
" services as Sexton	27 00
James T. Nichols, removing voting booths	50
" " putty and glass	50
Fred Barton, entertainment of town officers	1 25
E. E. Hurd, election inspector	2 00
Mariana Smith, housing snow roller	2 00
Incidental expenses of Selectmen	1 50
Allen R. Hood, entertainment of town officers	14 00
" " tolling bell	10
I. H. Hodgman, 2 cords wood	6 00
" for winter road	5 00
J. T. Nichols, services as Janitor	5 95
H. W. Parker, retaining fee	10 00
D. M. Currier, recording deaths	50
L. A. Purmort, cash paid A. L. Benway for carrying Mrs. Wilson to county farm	3 00
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	\$1,393.33
Remaining on tax bill of 1894	16 73
" " 1895	37 88
" " 1896	195 73
" " 1897	250 00
" " 1898	573 44
Abatements on tax bill 1895	8 93
" " 1896	18 30
" " 1897	30 59
" " 1898	15 28
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	\$1,146 88
The disbursements amount to	\$5,716 18
Treasurer is charged with	6,605 48
Leaving a balance in hands of Treasurer	\$889 30

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1899.

J. N. Butler	\$1,050 00
“	800 00
Universalist Society	650 00
Huldah W. Glidden	200 00
“ “	500 00
G. W. Hurd	150 00
Mrs. Charles M. Boothe	100 00
Stephen R. Hurd	25 00
A. Noyes and Son	185 00
Elizabeth Town	18 00
Minerva Libby	40 00
Mrs. A. J. Parker	200 00
Interest on above notes	125 00
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	\$4,043 00

ASSETS FEB. 15, 1899.

Cash in hands of treasurer	\$889 30
Remaining on tax bill 1894	16 73
“ “ 1895	37 88
“ “ 1896	195 73
“ “ 1897	250 00
“ “ 1898	573 44
Rent due on school land	37 48
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	\$2,000 56
Notes and interest amount to	\$4, 043 00
D. S. Honey fund	300 00
James G. Hosley	300 00
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	\$4,643 00
Assets	\$2,000 56
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Debt against the town	\$2,642 44

Indebtedness Feb. 15, 1898	\$1,742 12
“ “ “ 1899	\$2,642 44
Increase of debt	\$900 32
A. L. BENWAY, BELA N GORDON, W. E. PERRY,	} Selectmen of Lempster.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them well vouched and correctly cast.

HIRAM PARKER, }
L. A. PURMORT, } Auditors.

Lempster, N. H. Feb. 21, 1899.

School Treasurer's Report.

BOOK ACCOUNT.

Received of town treasurer	\$68 06
“ for books sold	11 10
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	\$79 16

EXPENDITURES.

Edw. E. Babb & Co., for books and supplies	\$64 07
Ginn & Co., for writing books	8 00
Express on books	4 09
Mary F. Hodgman, care of books	3 00
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	\$79 16

REPAIRING SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury	\$ 2 16
From town treasurer	25 00
For mortar sold	75
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	\$27 91

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Nourse & Son, for paint and oil	\$ 2 40
R. D. Pollard, for labor and wall paper	11 00
For one-half cask of lime and freight	75
“ clothes hooks, oil, putty and glass	1 39
A. J. Parker, one-fourth thousand shingles	38
A. W. Welch, for labor and supplies	9 58
A. F. Perley, for eaves-spouts	50
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	\$26 00
Leaving a balance of	\$1 91

RECEIPTS FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance from last year	\$ 22 44
Public school money	465 00
Rent of school land	29 16
From Asa Way fund	26 82
Literary	51 60
Balance of dog licenses 1897	10 09
From the town as per vote of district	100 00
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	\$705 11

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cleaning school-houses	\$ 5 50
Building fires	7 50
Incidental expenses	4 71
Tuition, Wm. Morrison's children to Acworth Dist., '97	10 00
Sawing, splitting and putting in four cords of wood	4 00
Marlow Dist., tuition, Mr. Badger's children, Summer and Fall term 1898	10 80
C. A. Carey, 2 1-2 cords of wood	7 50
J. T. Nichols, 1 1-2 " "	4 50
M. F. Richardson, 1 1-4 " "	5 00
C. W. Sabine, one cord " "	4 00
Jennie L. Olmstead, teaching and board, 20 weeks	100 00
Cora F. Sabine, " " "	100 00
Elvia M. Cutler, " " "	100 00
Kate Egan, " " 10 weeks	50 00
Maud D. Mitchell, " " "	50 00
Isabel E. Adams, " " "	50 00
Maude I. Healey, " " "	50 00
Israel Vadney, conveying scholars, 20 weeks	40 00
Mrs. Jennie M. Haines, " " 17 "	17 00
Adrian R. French, " " 15 "	7 50
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	\$628 01
Leaving a balance of	\$77 10

HIGH SCHOOL.

RECEIPTS.

From town treasurer	\$150 00
Tuition from scholars of other towns	20 70
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	\$170 70

EXPENDITURES.

Guy E. Speare, teaching and board 12 weeks	\$120 00
Jennie L. Olmstead, assistant teacher	15 00
L. P. Little, five cords of wood at \$4.00	20 00
Lucius H. Nichols, building fires	2 50
J. F. Wheeler, lumber for blackboard	1 30
P. I. Ladieu, mending stove	1 25
Sheet iron for stove lining	65
A. W. Welch, making blackboard	2 50
Incidentals	1 22
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	\$164 42
Leaving a balance of	\$6 28

RECAPITULATION

RECEIPTS.

Total amount for the year	\$958 28
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898	24 60
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	\$928 88

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	\$635 00
Cleaning and building fires	15 50
Tuition to Acworth and Marlow Districts	20 80
Conveyance	64 50
Miscellaneous expense at High School	5 70
New books, express and cover of books	79 16
Wood and preparing the same	45 00

Repairs on school buildings	\$ 26 00
Incidentals	5 93
Excess receipts over disbursements	85 29
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	\$982 88

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of treasurer February 15, 1899	\$85 29
Tuition due from scholars of other towns	10 80
Respectfully submitted,	

ARTHUR W. WELCH, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Lempster Town School District, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HIRAM PARKER, Auditor.

Lempster, Feb. 15, 1899.

SCHOOL REPORT.

NO. 1.

Both terms taught by Mrs. H. F. Olmstead. Mrs. Olmstead is an experienced teacher and did excellent work. Upon our visits to the school we always found her the same, active, earnest and energetic in her labors for the interest and improvement of the schools.

NO. 2.

The spring term was under the instruction of Miss Kate Egan. Here also we found an experienced teacher doing her work well. Miss Egan is one of our best teachers. This school, though small, has some remarkably good scholars. The order was good.

The fall term taught by Miss Cora F. Sabine was a success. It is a delight to listen to recitations as conducted by this teacher. More pupils were present than in the preceding term which made it pleasanter for the teacher. Miss Sabine manages to get even the dullest to express their ideas. The order was excellent.

NO. 3.

The spring term was taught by Miss Isabel E. Adams with a good degree of success. With more experience Miss Adams may become one of the first class teachers. The closing exercises were good and whenever we visited the school the order was good.

The Fall term taught by Maud D. Mitchell was very successful. Miss Mitchell magnetized the small scholars into cheerful obedience. Good progress was made, and school passed off pleasantly and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

NO. 4.

Both terms were under the supervision of Miss Elvia Cutler.

There are two points of excellence in every school taught by Miss Cutler, namely, neatness and good order. Her method of teaching is quiet and thorough. Good progress was made.

NO. 5.

The spring term taught by Cora F. Sabine was a decided success. Ineffectual efforts were made to secure her for the fall term.

Miss Maude Healey taught the school during the fall term. She was well liked by the scholars and the term passed off pleasantly and was quite successful. The class in History especially did good work.

GENERAL REMARKS.

“Youth should be awed by the power that waits on knowledge, when sincerely sought and prized for its own sake.”—Wordsworth.

As we look back to the beginning of the nineteenth century from the threshold of this its closing year, the achievements with which it has been crowned fill us with a sense of gratitude and wonder. In its hundred years, more progress has been made than in any preceding thousand. Steam and electricity have conquered time and space. With utmost speed man flies over oceans and continents. The electric current enables him to write his thought at the distance of thousands of miles. He holds conversation from city to city. His streets are as luminous by night as by day, and many more wonders with which all are so familiar that I forbear to enumerate them.

But it is in the matter of education that the superiority of our age over all others is most manifest. In the past knowledge was the privilege of a few. How could it be otherwise before the art of printing was discovered, or even for a long time afterwards while books were few and costly?

By the beginning of the present century however a gradual movement whose origin, impulse and abiding force was Christian, had brought the multitudes to a preception of their rights and powers, and a sense of the need of popular education. All

it was felt should be taught, since all have duties to perform and rights to defend. The result has been that illiteracy has almost disappeared from the great Christian nations, and the average intelligence of the world has become much higher than ever before.

Having built schools for all we feel that our chief business now is to improve them until they become the means of a richer, nobler, and more Christian life. "As is the teacher so is the school." Now a word to teachers. "If you wish to help scholars to be the best of which they are capable, you must yourself be the best of which you are capable."—W. P. Beckwith. Christianity must not be left out of our schools. This is a Christian nation so-called, and the Lord's prayer and ten Commandments should never be considered superfluous. Teaching is a high and noble profession, and school boards rejoice when they are fortunate in securing a high-minded teacher who has an appreciation of the dignity of her calling, and thoughts beyond the pay she will receive.

A few words in regard to school books.

There are some pupils who not only scratch, mar, and tear their own books, waste paper, pencils, etc., but at last becoming ashamed of their own books, manage to obtain possession of the books of careful scholars, and mutilate them also. We wish parents and teachers to do all in their power to stop them in their wasteful ways as they multiply expense in a fearful manner. Some books disappear entirely. No strictly honest person will keep in his or her possession books with the town's mark in them unless they are pupils in the family who use them; but scolding aside, our schools are as good or better than any in the county.

Our teachers have labored faithfully, and all pupils who cared to learn made good progress. Lack of population is the greatest drawback we have to contend with, but 'tis said, "when things are at their worst they soon begin to mend." Let us hope it will be so with the population of this town, and

make up our minds to enter the new century with a cheerful front.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The term which ended February 10th was under the instruction of the same teacher as last year, Mr. Guy Edwin Speare, of Randolph, Vt. Two members of the School Board visited the school while it was in session and were quite favorably impressed. The remaining member had ample means of knowing that good work was being accomplished by all who wished to improve.

Forty-eight pupils in all, with probably an average of forty-five, attended, a few being absent the last week on account of sickness and two absent the latter part of the term to work at home. Mr. Speare labored to make the school a success, and the original work at the close showed that he succeeded in his efforts. The juniors under the instruction of Mrs. H. F. Olmstead did well. Their closing exercises showed that even the most timid had learned to raise their voices so as to be distinctly heard and understood by all.

We heartily thank the citizens for the interest they have shown in the cause of education and for the courtesy and consideration which we have experienced in the performance of our duties.

M. F. RICHARDSON,	} School Board.
A. W. WELCH,	
A. F. PERLEY,	

Statistical Table.

No. of Schools	Terms—	Teachers.	Length of school in weeks	Whole No. of Scholars	Non-Membership absences, days*	Other absences, days	Per cent. daily attendance	No. Tardinesses	Wages per month including board	Visits by School Board	Other Visits	No. in Reading	No. in Spelling	No. in Penmanship	No. in Arithmetic	No. in Geography	No. in Grammar	No. in History, U. S.	No. in Natural History	No. in Hygiene	No. in Algebra	No. in Book-keeping	No. in Composition	No. in Latin	No. in German
1	Sum	Jennie L. Olmstead	10 20	33	64	93.37	92	20	5 41	20	8	12	15	7	10										
2	Fall	"	10 19	26	36	96.00	31	20	3 30	13	17	18	15	7	8										
3	Sum	Kate Egan	10 12	210	6	100.00	7	20	5	12	12	12	12	9	5										
4	Fall	Cora F. Sabine	10 8	10	15	86.00	7	20	4 11	7	7	8	7	7	3										
5	Sum	Isabel E. Adams	10 7	10	47	85.71	23	20	3 25	7	7	7	7	4	1										
6	Fall	Maud D. Mitchell	10 7	10	12	86.25	1	20	4 7	7	7	7	7	5	3										
7	Sum	Elvia M. Cutler	10 15	52	42	92.86	23	20	6 52	15	14	14	12	5	1										
8	Fall	"	10 15	47	59	92.85	46	20	6 33	15	15	13	13	9	5										
9	Sum	Cora F. Sabine	10 14	30	46	87.9	2	20	5 45	14	14	13	13	7											
10	Fall	Maud E. Healey	10 17	30	46	87.9	2	20	4 34	16	16	16	14	12	6										
11	Sum	Guy E. Speare	12 48	156	133	91.55	59	40	4 28	8	48	33	13	12	7										

Report of Librarian.

The principal things lacking in our library are current magazines. The library is essentially an educator and should aim to furnish its patrons with articles on current events as well as on the history of the past. It should present to its readers the latest views upon such questions as "The Eastern Crisis," "The Problem of the Philippines," etc. Therefore I would strongly advocate subscribing to some of our leading magazines. The "American Monthly Review of Reviews" covers more ground than any other similar publication and together with "McClures" and the "Cosmopolitan" would furnish a fund of excellent reading matter.

Our library has not been so well patronized in the past year; only 1200 books and magazines having been loaned against the 1700 of the year before.

Mrs. Orpha Honey Gould presented the library with a fine volume of New Hampshire Agriculture, by Henry Metcalf. It contains short sketches of prominent grangers and is very interesting.

Seventy-six books were added shortly after my last report and forty-eight more have been received recently, making the total number of books 660 and 600 magazines. The books added this year are works by such standard authors as Dumas, Hope, Judge Thompson, Hugo, Cervantes and Henty, and are tales of thrilling interest.

The fines amount to \$2.24 and of this \$1.40 has been received, leaving only 84c. unpaid. The total fines now owed the library amounts to \$6.02. Probably little of this can ever be collected.

Very respectfully,

FREDERICK W. WELCH, Librarian.

Lempster, Feb. 15, 1899.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the town of Lempster for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date	Name of Child.	Sex	Age	No. Con.	Name of Parents.	Mother.	Color	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
1898.					Father.						
Feb 8	Marion Elsie	M	L	W 3	Charles Terrell	Nellie J Smith		W Lempster	Farmer	Nashua, N H	Holderness, N H
Apr 18	Abbie Lovilla	F	L	1	Clarence A Carey	Gertrude I Nichols		"	"	Lempster	Lempster
May 4		F	L	1	Willie A Perkins	Eva M Gile		"	"	Newbury, N H	"
Sept 13		F	L	3	Marcus Allen	Ella G Leet		"	"	Lempster	Claremont, N H
Sept 23		M	L	2	Frank Newton	Martha E Gordon		"	"	"	Lempster
Oct 12	Reuben F	M	L	1	George F Thurber	Elvora M Allen		"	"	"	Keene, N H

Marriages Registered in the town of Lempster for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each.	Age	Color	Occupation.	Birthplace of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation.	No	M
1898												
May 4	Lempster	Willie A Perkins	Newbury, N H	29	W	Farmer	Newbury, N H	Jason A Perkins	Newbury	Blacksmith	2	
		Eva M Gile	Lempster	22		Domestic	Lempster	Marion C Angell	Croydon	Housewife		
June 13	"	Chester B Wheeler	"	30		Mechanic	"	Charles H Gile	Lempster	Farmer	1	
		Gertrude L Huntton	"	32		Domestic	Taunton, Mass	John Wheeler	Hillshoro	Housewife		
		Dennis M Davis	Acworth, N H	18		Farmer	Fitzwilliam, N H	Lovonia Carrier	Lempster	Lumber Man	1	
Aug 28	E. Lempster	Mary A Nichole	Lempster	18		Domestic	Lempster	Frank W Huntton	Sunapee	Housewife	1	
		Harry A Hood	"	20		Ins. Agent	Brookline, N H	Abbie E Allen	Rochester Vt	Landlord	1	
Sept 4	"	Hester S Porter	"	27		School Teacher	Lempster	Allen W Davis	N. Bedford Mass	Housewife	1	
								Amanda M Chase	Bangor Me	Farmer	1	
								John Nichols	Nova Scotia	Housewife	1	
								Emeline H Millen	Sunapee	Housewife	1	
								Ellen R Hood	Deering	Hotel Keeper	1	
								Ellen R Keyes	Amherst	Housewife	1	
								George S Porter	Aldstead	Farmer	1	
								Mary E Bruce	Lempster	Housewife	1	

Deaths Registered in the town of Lempster for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

Date	Name of Deceased.	Age	Place of Birth.	Sex	Color	Occupation.	Father.	Birthplace	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.
1898.	Y. M. D.									
Jan 11	James A. Alexander	34	Dunham Ca	M	W	Farmer	Dunham Ca	Dunham Ca	Gilman Alexander	Dorothy Hurdle
Apr 17	Julia Ann Hosley	61 3	Goshen	F	Mar	Housewife			Aaron Miller	Malissa Wilder
Apr 21	Mary E Paige	25	Lempster	F	Wld	Domestic	Weare	Lempster	Oliver E Paige	Hattie S Libby
June 12	James G Hosley	67 1	Marlow	M	"	Farmer	Hancock	Marlow	David Hosley	Hannah Gale
Sept 23	Sarah A Brackett	70	Maine	F	"	Domestic				
Oct 4	Mchitable E Hurd	34 8	Goshen	F	"	"			Emerson	Eliza Lakeman
Nov 15	Henry E Huntley	56	Marlow	M	Mar	Mechanic	Lempster	Acworth	Jona H Huntley	Julia A Whitcomb
Nov 19	Emma M Hudson	23 8	Searford Del	F	"	Housewife	Snow Hill	Searford Del	Edgar Hudson	Emma Hazzard

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief :

ARTHUR W. WELCH, Town Clerk.

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